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Mr. Paul Marshall
California Department of Water Resources
Bay-Delta Office
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Re: Notice of Preparation for the South Delta Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Zone 7 has reviewed the referenced Notice of Preparation (NOP). We have a few comments which are made in the context of Zone 7's responsibilities to provide wholesale treated water, untreated water for agriculture and irrigated turf, flood protection, and groundwater and stream management in the Livermore-Amador Valley. Our comments are as follows:

- The effects on delivered water quantity and quality for the State Water Project contractors on the South Bay Aqueduct (Zone 7, Alameda County Water District, and Santa Clara Valley Water District) should be addressed in the Draft EIR/EIS, including any short-term effects on water delivery reliability and water quality during construction.
- The Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant is located northeast of a Zone 7 flood control stream channel (Line W), which is an authorized part of Zone 7 Special Drainage Area (SDA) 7-1. Project improvements within SDA 7-1 may be subject to Zone 7 SDA 7-1 drainage fees for the creation of new impervious surface areas. Zone 7's standard mitigation practice is to collect drainage fees on any new buildings, improvements (including, but not limited to paving), or structures to be constructed that substantially change the imperviousness of the surface of the land.
- Please send a copy of the Draft EIR/EIS to my attention.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this document. Please feel free to contact me at (925) 484-2600, ext. 400, jhoren@zone7water.com, or Steven Ellis at ext. 239, sellis@zone7water.com, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Horen", is written over a horizontal line.

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